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Re: DOJ-2018-001576 (AG)
VRB:VAV:KJK

Dear Ms. Krishan:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 13, 2017, for various prepublication review records, specifically records pertaining to non-disclosure agreements, administrative appeals, and any imposed sanction. This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.¹

Please be advised that a search has been conducted of the electronic database of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which is the official records repository for the Office of the Attorney General, and no records responsive to your request were located.

Based on our research into this matter, you might want to direct your request to the National Security Division (NSD) as the Department component most likely to maintain records concerning the prepublication review of national security information. Contact information for NSD can be found on www.foia.gov.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2015) (amended 2016). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at: Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001; telephone at 202-514-3642; or facsimile at 202-514-1009.

¹ Because you directed your request to the FOIA/PA Mail Referral Unit (MRU), Justice Management Division, for appropriate routing, it was received by this Office on December 13, 2017. The MRU tracking number associated with this request is EMRUFOIA121317.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within ninety days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Brinkmann".

Vanessa R. Brinkmann
Senior Counsel